

REMARKS

FIGS. 6 and 7 have been amended to remove reference numerals not referred to in the specification, as required by the Examiner.

The claims have been amended to address the §112 rejections. No new matter has been entered. Support is found in FIG. 4 and the corresponding description beginning at page 17 of the original specification.

Turning to the rejection of claims 3-5, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 32-35, 37, 49, 55-57, 59, 63 and 67 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by, or under 35 USC §103 as obvious over, Snaddon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,533,368), the claims have been amended to include the feature that the gas stream is collected or recirculated in a closed system. This amendment is fully supported by FIG. 4. Snaddon et al. does not teach this feature of the claims. Snaddon et al. is a room air filter and as such is not a closed system. Thus, Snaddon et al. cannot anticipate nor render obvious any of Applicants' claims.

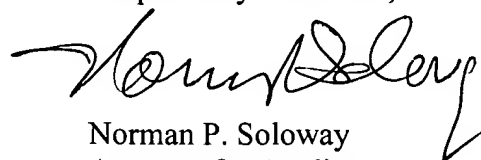
Having dealt with the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

A credit card authorization Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination fee accompanies this Amendment. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

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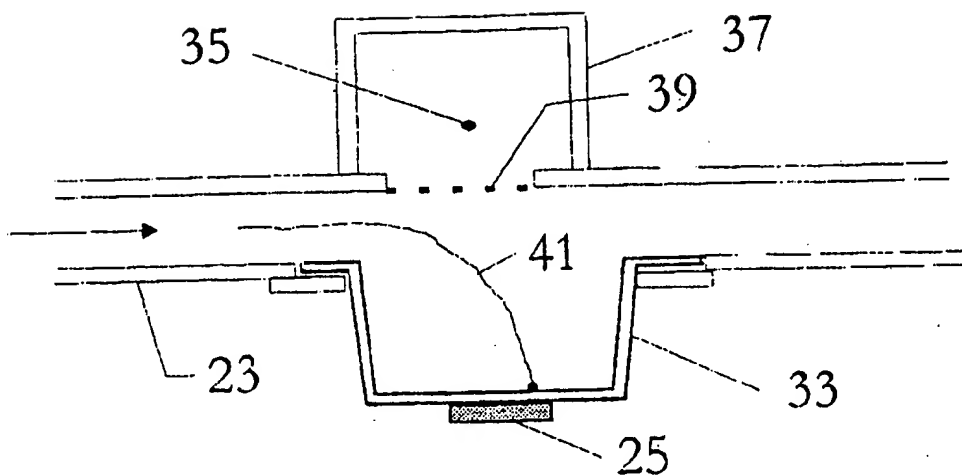


FIG. 5

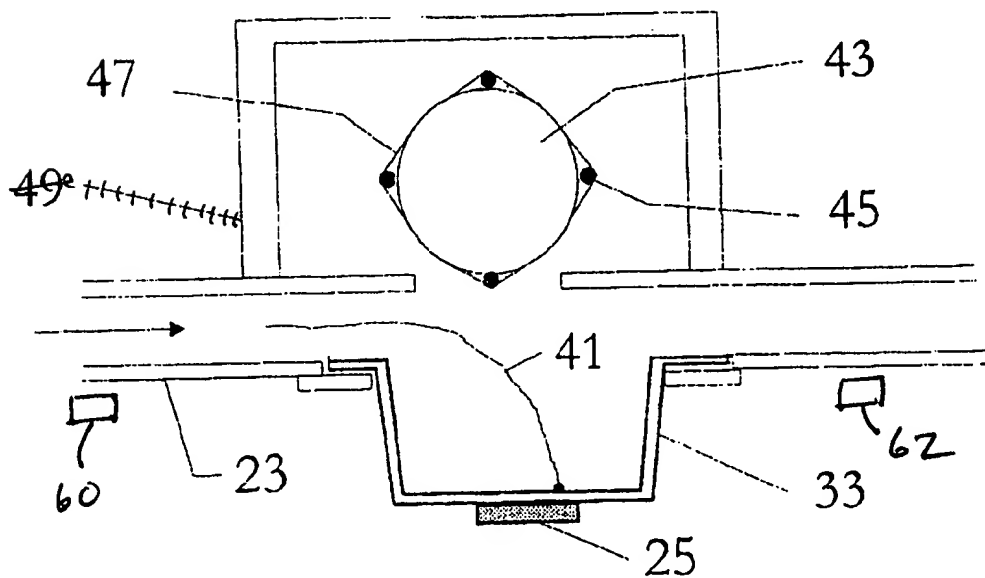


FIG. 6



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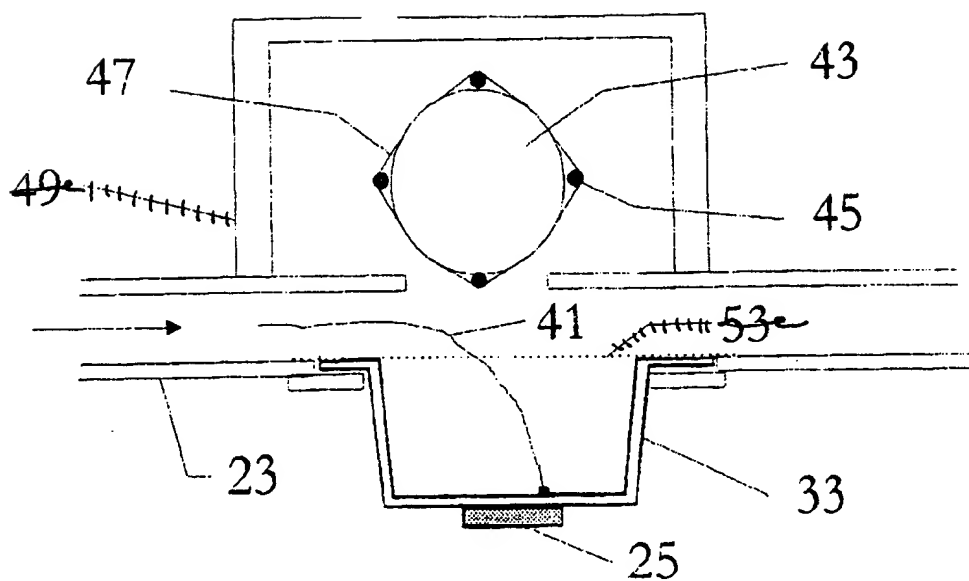


FIG. 7